



**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 08/989,896

Filing Date: December 12, 1997 (CPA filed February 7, 2001)

First Named Inventor: Mathias GEHRMANN

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

Attorney Docket Number: 2481.1337-04

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (1 Month) \$110.00
- iii. ☒ Other Additional Claim Fee of \$ 18.00

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b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$878.00 is enclosed.

c. ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

**Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

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Date: March 7, 2003

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of November 15, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	34	-	33	1	x \$ 18	\$ 18.00
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Subtotal						\$ 18.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 18.00

- ☒ A fee of \$18.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee of \$110.00 to cover the Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ A check to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 7, 2003

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for one month to March 15, 2003 by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claim 34, as follows:

34. A compound comprising one or more antigen binding regions linked to at least one prodrug-activating enzyme, wherein

- a) the antigen binding regions consist of a single polypeptide chain;
- b) the single polypeptide chain is comprised of a first variable domain, a second variable domain, and a polypeptide linker connecting the first variable domain and the second variable domain;

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